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**DeSoto County Schools.**  
 TO THE VOTERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, AND COUNTY OF DE SOTO:  
 Having decided that I will not have time nor the opportunity to canvass the district in which I am a candidate for school board, and realizing that there are a great number of people who do not know me, therefore, I take this method of farther introducing myself for the office to which I aspire. I shall only endeavor to set forth a few of my thoughts pertaining to the duties that devolve upon that body, and almost confront them monthly.

First we shall note the many requests that come and confront this small, but very important body, and as we are only servants of the people and are placed there by them, all reasonable requests should be given very careful consideration.

**REQUESTS FOR SCHOOLS.**

We will now take up what I term requests for schools. Before granting any new schools great care and consideration should be given to the right of such request, and the location of such a school. I am in favor of not creating any new school until they have first given a proper deed to one or more acres of land for the same so in case the school should ever be discontinued, such property, may be sold and the money diverted for other school purposes. I am also in favor of having as small a number of schools as is consistent with the welfare of the people that support them. Building of school houses, as I see it, should come under the care of a committee of the school in question and superintendent and board and competent

architects, if necessary, in order that great care may be exercised in regard to size, number of rooms, floor space, ventilation and black board room.

I am a strong advocate of houses being built and seated, that when pupils are sent there they will not consider that they have been sent to a place of imprisonment and punishment. Instead they should be led to see it as a place of advancement and pleasure. Then these little grievances of children not wanting to attend school should be averted. All schools should be properly seated as fast as finances will allow it to be done, so study could be a comfort and pleasure, instead of a hardship.

**SELECTING TEACHERS.**

I am in favor of our home teachers. I believe they should be employed when they can pass an examination upon their own merits of knowledge and a true deportment give.

Those we find suited to the work and striving hard to build up the profession and advance the cause of education, should be employed and proper salaries paid. Often it is the case when teachers have to be imported from other counties and even out of the state, to fill vacancies that can't be supplied from home talent. But when this is done great care and consideration should be used for fear of a mistake, but in case a mistake should be made, no means should be spared to correct the same.

**SELECTING TEXT BOOKS.**

Selecting of text books is a subject of vital importance and great care should be exercised in selecting the same. I believe books should be adopted that are so arranged that the pupil may gain the greatest amount of knowledge in the shortest length of time. I am also a strong advocate of a uniform system of text books, so when a book is once bought it may be used in any county in the state of Florida, thereby lessening the expense of buying so many books and giving the less fortunate people more opportunity to have them. But as I am not a candidate for the legislature I will leave this for their consideration and a part of their platform.

Now fellow voters these are only a few of the many thoughts, that I advance here, as the duties that I shall, if elected, help to look after. So with these remarks I leave it with you.

Yours very respectfully,  
 F. B. McCLELAND.

**Brownville Mass Meeting May 5.**

D. S. Williams called to the chair and C. Orr, secretary.

The chair in a very graceful manner explained the object

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the meeting in a speech of fifteen minutes, then introduced Judge J. B. Cochran, candidate for the legislature, who in an address of more than an hour outlined his views as to the needs of the legislative work in the state. He very clearly explained how and why our burden of taxes was so great. He was accorded strict attention which shows how much interested the voters of this county are on the issues at stake and throughout his address he was cheered continuously, the ladies joining in. At the wind up of his speech he thanked the ladies for coming out and paid them some nice compliments. (He being a bachelor they appreciated them the more).

The chair then introduced F. B.

which was heartily approved by the crowd.

As McClelland retired the call rang out Williams, Williams! So D. S. had to come forward in his own behalf, he being a candidate for commissioner from the 4th district, and in a half hours talk outlined his views on that line. He acquitted himself very creditably and was heartily applauded.

The following resolutions were offered by C. Orr and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, We indorse Judge J. B. Cochran for the legislature and heartily indorse his his platform.

Resolved, We pledge him our united support.

Resolved, We each and every one of us will use all means in our power honorably to insure his election on the 15th inst.

Resolved, We ask our brother

voters over the county to come well before they vote for county division. Remember "In there is strength."

Resolved, A copy of these proceedings be furnished THE CHAMPION and the DeSoto County for publication.

C. ORR, Secretary.

Our division friends say Arcadia is putting figures for them entirely too high, and do not apologize saying that we are planning to build a new court house to cost from \$60,000 to \$60,000, a fact that had its birth in their minds alone. If we represented good county jails come high because our cheap one had to be remodeled so often to hold prisoners that we learned by experience in hunting escaped convicts that of all sorts economy the cheap jail is the poorest.